

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 21st December 2015 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Matthew Jones (Chairman)
Jamie Bernardi
Sophie Hammond
Bella Statham
Arabella Holland
Tom Heyes
Thomas Minshull
Michael Howell
Zak Roberts

Councillor Glen Williams
Linda Minshull

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Larry Barker, George Hayes, Sally Holland and Liz Wardlaw.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23rd November 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **MEMBERSHIP**

A discussion took place regarding membership and recruitment and it was again noted that there is a shortage of members from Eaton Bank but otherwise membership was strong. It was noted that this would be the last meeting as a formal member for Tom Heyes as he was soon to reach the upper age limit. It was –

RESOLVED – to co-opt Michael Howell as a member of the Committee. Michael submitted his signed form to Linda.

4. **WEBSITE**

Nathan was unable to attend the meeting but had provided two detailed reports, Site Development Plan 2015-16 and Project Reboot Action Plan.

A long discussion took place regarding the use of the site and the problems encountered with encouraging organisations to use the facility. It was acknowledged that the Website concept remains an excellent idea to provide information but it was agreed that this project would not be the focus for the Committee at the present time. It was

RESOLVED – To use facebook to provide information and promote opportunities at the current time. Not to renew the current subscription of £50 in January but to keep the option open to renew in the future. Matthew would contact Nathan to discuss the information with him.

5. YOUTH COMMITTEE PROJECT - EMPLOYMENT

An update was given to members not at the earlier meeting with Fiona Bruce M.P. on employment opportunities in Congleton. It was

RESOLVED – to accept the actions agreed at the meeting with Fiona.

It was also agreed to use the Neighbourhood Plan consultation to give our views and to use facebook to promote information on our projects.

6. YOUTH FORUM

Glen gave an update on the Youth Forum Meeting. He reported that two portable basketball hoops had been purchased for a cost of £500. This would enable youth groups in the town to borrow the items from time to time. The hoops will be available for Detached Youth Workers to use for events. There is approximately £700 left for basketball equipment to be purchased and sited around the town. Glen will work with Matthew to identify specific sites. Glen confirmed that he will contact Linda when the £150 is required from the Youth account.

A discussion took place with Glen regarding Anti Social Behaviour and related health problems. It was agreed that the Youth Committee would support the Youth Forum in their projects.

There was a discussion regarding the future Youth Festival and members will work with the Carnival Committee on the event.

7. YOUTH COMMITTEE HONORARY BURGESS

At the last meeting it was agreed to award Joseph Hearson a Youth Committee Honorary Burgess. A discussion took place regarding the presentation and it was agreed to purchase an engraved pen. There will also be a certificate and formal letter. It was agreed for Linda to contact Joe to arrange the presentation to be at our next Youth Committee Meeting or Town Council Meeting.

It was acknowledged that Tom Heyes was now at the upper age limit and would be leaving as a formal member. It was acknowledged that Tom has been a committed member of the Committee and also a Mayor's Cadet and it was

RESOLVED – to nominate Tom Heyes as a Youth Committee Burgess. Linda will write to Tom informing him of the decision. It was also agreed that the presentation to Tom would be made at a separate meeting to the presentation to Joe.

8. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT

It was reported that the balance is £638.92

9. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

There were no other items.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 18th January 2016 – 7 p.m. – Congleton Town Hall.

Matthew Jones (Chairman)